

SENATE BILL No. 342

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-24-10.

Synopsis: Examination for driver's licenses. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to conduct in certain foreign languages the testing and demonstration of ability to operate a motor vehicle.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-24-10-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. The bureau may
3 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary for the conduct of examinations
4 for a learner's permit, an operator's license, a chauffeur's license, and
5 a public passenger chauffeur's license in accordance with this chapter
6 concerning the qualifications and ability of applicants to operate motor
7 vehicles in accordance with the rights and privileges of those permits
8 and licenses. **Any rules adopted must include the provisions of**
9 **section 4(f) of this chapter.**
10 SECTION 2. IC 9-24-10-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2013,
11 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), an
13 examination for a learner's permit or driver's license must include the
14 following:
15 (1) A test of the following of the applicant:
16 (A) Eyesight.



- 1 (B) Ability to read and understand highway signs regulating,
2 warning, and directing traffic.
- 3 (C) Knowledge of Indiana traffic laws, including
4 IC 9-26-1-1.5.
- 5 (2) An actual demonstration of the applicant's skill in exercising
6 ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor
7 vehicle under the type of permit or license applied for.
- 8 (b) The examination may include further physical and mental
9 examination that the bureau finds necessary to determine the
10 applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon Indiana
11 highways. The applicant must provide the motor vehicle used in the
12 examination.
- 13 (c) The bureau:
14 (1) may waive the actual demonstration required under subsection
15 (a)(2) for a person who has passed a driver's education class and
16 a skills test given by a driver training school or driver education
17 program given by an entity licensed under IC 9-27; and
18 (2) may waive the testing, other than testing under subsection
19 (a)(1)(A), of an applicant who has passed:
20 (A) an examination concerning:
21 (i) subsection (a)(1)(B); and
22 (ii) subsection (a)(1)(C); and
23 (B) a skills test;
24 given by a driver training school or an entity licensed under
25 IC 9-27.
- 26 (d) The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 specifying
27 requirements for a skills test given under subsection (c) and the testing
28 required under subsection (a)(1)(B) and (a)(1)(C). **Any rules adopted**
29 **must include the provisions of subsection (f).**
- 30 (e) An instructor having a license under IC 9-27-6-8 who did not
31 instruct the applicant for the license or permit in driver education is not
32 civilly or criminally liable for a report made in good faith to the:
33 (1) bureau;
34 (2) commission; or
35 (3) driver licensing medical advisory board;
36 concerning the fitness of the applicant to operate a motor vehicle in a
37 manner that does not jeopardize the safety of individuals or property.
- 38 (f) **Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter and subsection (d),**
39 **the bureau must conduct:**
40 (1) **the testing required under subsection (a)(1)(B) and**
41 **(a)(1)(C);**
42 (2) **the demonstration required under subsection (a)(2); or**



1 (3) both the testing referenced in subdivision (1) and the
2 demonstration referenced in subdivision (2);
3 in the foreign language spoken by the applicant if the applicant
4 requests the bureau to conduct testing or a demonstration under
5 subdivision (1), (2), or (3) in a language spoken by at least four
6 thousand eight hundred (4,800) inhabitants of Indiana, as reported
7 in Detailed Languages Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak
8 English for the Population 5 Years and Older for Indiana:
9 2006-2008(ACS), Release Date April, 2010, published by the United
10 States Census Bureau.

